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LAX Passenger Charged with Avoiding Screening

A ticketed passenger suspected of trying to avoid airport screeners at Los Angeles International Airport was charged today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Christian James Heinz (dob 9/22/93) is scheduled to be arraigned today at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch, Department W30, in case SA090468. Prosecutors will ask that bail be set at \$25,000.

The Danville resident is charged with one felony count of resisting arrest and one misdemeanor count of avoiding screening.

On Wednesday, Heinz allegedly failed to stop at screening and pushed through security with his large backpack on his way to an Alaska Airlines flight. He was arrested after being subdued by a Taser when he refused repeated calls to stop.

If convicted, Heinz faces up to three years, six months in county jail.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Airport Police Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.